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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 03/23/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 03/16/02
BRO-FRY	155,461	158,522
LT HENS	1,977	1,783
HVY HENS	1,407	1,410

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 16-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	U N A V A I L A B L E		
LAST WEEK			
SAME WK YR AGO			
TO DATE 2002			
TO DATE 2001			
® Revised			

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	U N A V A I L A B L E		
LAST WEEK			
SAME WK YR AGO			
TO DATE 2002			
TO DATE 2001			

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	153,229 (A)	1,636	1,363	2,999
AVG WT	5.00	3.36	8.07	5.50
LAST WEEK	155,103	1,634	1,319	2,953
SAME WEEK YR AGO	152,987	1,841	1,318	3,159
AVG WT	5.09	3.31	8.03	5.28
TO-DATE/2002	1,679,152	19,530	14,148	33,678
TO-DATE/2001	1,644,321	20,328	13,970	34,298

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.1 million head or 0.5 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING March 9, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	36,452	23,580	46,874
AVG WEIGHT	3.84	4.79	6.13
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	22%	44%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	36,040	29,555	50,153
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.85	6.22
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	26%	43%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	24,201	23,561	39,776
AVG WEIGHT	3.79	4.72	6.03
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	27%	45%
TO DATE/2002	323,644	230,947	466,899
TO DATE/2001	321,373	257,456	433,414

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,772	2,620	53	5	4,450
AVG WT	16.32	35.34	22.84	28.86	27.94
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,805	2,630	53	14	4,502
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,110	2,611	51	26	4,798
AVG WT	16.35	35.02	25.26	25.25	26.66
TO-DATE/2002	18,988	28,664	459	94	48,205
TO-DATE/2001	21,167	28,942	416	185	128,213

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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